

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: EXAMINER: LATTIN, C.

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING

A BURIED LAYER OF MATERIAL

IN ANOTHER MATERIAL

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 22-42 remain pending in the application.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the interview held March 18, 2003, in the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicants' attorney explained the presently-claimed invention and why it is patentable over the applied prior art. The discussion is summarized and expanded upon below.